

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PN

SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GENERAL TORRIJOS TO PRESIDENT  
FORD

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED THIS MORNING REQUEST FROM COPECOM  
(INTERAMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK) TO TRANSMIT  
FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PANAMANIAN CHIEF OF  
GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS TO PRESIDENT FORD.  
COPECOM ATTEMPTED TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO THEIR WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT STATION BUT STATED THAT WASHINGTON HAD NO  
ONE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING MESSAGE IN SPANISH. MESSAGE WAS  
RECEIVED BY COPECOM IN CANAL ZONE FROM THEIR PANAMA STATION  
(IN GN HEADQUARTERS) VIA RADIO AT 8 A.M. THIS MORNING.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE:

TO: SR. GERALD FORD, PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS.  
CASA BLANCA

FROM: JEFE DE GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA  
EL PUEBLO PANAMENO Y EL GOBIERNO REVOLUCIONARIO QUE ES  
HONROSO LIDERIZAR, DESEAN AL PUEBLO NORTEAMERICANO Y A  
SU DIGNO GOBIERNO LOS MEJORES DESEOS CON OCASION DE LA  
FIESTA DE NAVIDAD Y EL ARRIBO DE UN AÑO NUEVO. QUE 1976  
SIGNIFIQUE PARA NUESTRAS DOS NACIONES UNA JORNADA DE  
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MEJORES Y MAS JUSTOS LOGROS EN BENEFICIO DE NUESTROS

RESPECTIVOS PUEBLOS. CON MIS CORDIALES DESEOS POR SU  
GESTION PUBLICA Y DICHA PERSONAL. GENERAL DE BRIGADA  
OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA. END QUOTE.

3. WE HAVE VETTED THE MESSAGE AND IT IS LEGITIMATE. WE  
SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE.  
JORDEN

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